

offices and residences of four private persons who are mainly property brokers and whose involvement in such cases had been *prima facie* established by the CBI.

To date the CBI has not indicated to the Ministry any connivance of the Vice Chairman, DDA, Commissioner (Personnel) and the Chief Vigilance Officer, DDA in the above case. As such, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to suspend these officers or *suo-moto* order CBI investigation against them.

Amendment in the Property Registration Act

†2529. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have finally decided to amend the Property Registration Act, Property Transfer Act and Indian Stamp Act;
- (b) if so, the details of proposed amendments in the said Acts;
- (c) whether the cost of land and property will be affected as a result of proposed Amendments; and
- (d) the extent to which the illegal transactions in property will be checked due to proposed amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Bill namely "The Registration and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2000" has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 1st December, 2000.

- (b) The details of proposed Amendment Bill are as follows:—
- (i) A new section 16A is proposed to be inserted in the Registration Act, 1908 for making an enabling provision for computerisation of registration records;
- (ii) Section 17 of the Registration Act, 1908 is proposed to be amendment by inserting new sub-section (1A) for making registration of the documents containing contracts of the nature mentioned in section 53A of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 (namely contracts to transfer any immovable property for consideration by way of part-performance) compulsory. Other consequential amendments are also proposed to be made in the Registration Act, 1908 and in the Transfer of Property Act, 1882;

[†]Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

- (iii) Sub-section (2) of section 30 and section 67 of the Registration Act, 1908 are proposed to be omitted;
- (iv) A new section 32A is proposed to be inserted in the Registration Act, 1908 to make affixing of the photographs and finger-prints on the documents compulsory at the time of registration;
- (v) It is proposed to amend Schedule I to the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 to impose stamp duty on conveyance in nature of part-performance; and
- (vi) Lastly, the Bill also proposes to provide for a saving provision in order to save documents executed in the nature of part-performance of a contract for the purpose of section 53A of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 made before the commencement of the proposed legislation.

(c) and (d) It is too early to estimate as to the extent of effect of the proposed Amendment Bill on the cost of land and property and on checking of illegal transactions in properties.

Newsitem "DDA allowing illegal constructions in city"

2530. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "DDA allowing illegal constructions in city" which appeared in the "Hindustan Times", dated 24th February, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether a large number of unauthorised constructions which have come up in various parts of the city are due to active connivance of the DDA staff;
- (c) whether the nexus between DDA staff and unauthorised builders would be probed through CBI; and
- (d) if so, other steps Government propose to take to remove all such unauthorised constructions in the capital?